

Uncle Sam's \$-returns vary

WASHINGTON (UPI) — More federal money for each American citizen flowed into the West and South than the Northeast and north central states in fiscal 1976, the government says.

Per capita federal outlays were \$1,887 in the West and \$1,599 in the South. Federal spending in the Northeast was \$1,323 per person. The north central states ranked last with \$1,192 per person.

The breakdown was reported in an Agriculture Department report also comparing spending in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas.

The study dealt with 81.6 percent of fiscal 1976 spending, or \$314.5 billion, for which spending could be broken down geographically.

Per capita spending for metropolitan areas at \$1,555 was higher than the \$1,271 in rural areas.

Most of the metropolitan-rural differences were due to higher defense and space programs in the metropolitan areas, the report said. If those programs are excluded, per capita spending was \$1,087 in cities and suburbs and \$1,042 in rural areas.

The West led in federal spending for housing, agriculture and natural resources, and defense and space.

Spending for community and industrial development, justice and law enforcement and government administration was highest in the South.

The Northeast received the highest level of funding for what the report called "human resource development," or public assistance, social security and rehabilitation and health payments.

Per capita outlays for education were highest in the West and South.

The West led the Northeast in federal spending for manpower training and employment.

Foreign news briefs...

Explosion kills 4

STUTTGART, West Germany (UPI) — Methane gas exploded in an underground drainage tunnel Thursday, killing four construction workers and injuring four other.

Officials said a detecting device only a few hours before showed no sign of the pocket of highly poisonous gas that exploded in the faces of the workers as they dug a new tunnel.

The four survivors were reported in critical condition. A fireman injured during rescue operations was poisoned by fumes, but not seriously hurt.

Limit passengers

TOKYO (UPI) — The Tokyo Airport Authority said Thursday it will curtail the number of non-passengers at the new Narita airport Sept. 1418 because of a planned demonstration by by airport opponents.

The agency, overseer of the controversial airport, said an extension of the curtailment is possible depending on the outcome of the rally and a number of skirmishes which police fear are likely to take place.

The demonstration marks the end of a "100-day struggle," launched June 5 by the airport opponents, who held up the opening of the airport for more than six years.

Protest note

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI) — Prime Minister Thorbjorn Falldin said Wednesday Poland's reply to an official Swedish protest at the refusal to allow two Swedish Jews of Polish ancestry into the country was "deeply unsatisfactory."

Polish Ambassador Pavel Cieslar told Swedish authorities that his coun-

try reserved the right to allow or refuse entry into Poland, and decisions were made without regard to religion or nationality.

"Personally, I find the Polish answer deeply unsatisfactory," Falldin said in an official statement.

Last week former deputy Prime Minister Per Ahlmark said he was "morally expelled" from Poland because two Jewish Swedes of Polish extraction accompanying him to Poland were refused entry at Warsaw airport. Ahlmark, who is a Lutheran, then refused to go through passport control and left the country.

Ahlmark said Wednesday the Polish reply was a smokescreen. "Everyone knows why they weren't let into Poland. They were Jews. The visa agreement with Poland should be torn up if it only applies to non-Jewish Swedes."

Find gas field

TOKYO (UPI) — The continental shelf off Sakhalin Island contains natural gas and condensate reserves, Sakhalin Oil Development Cooperation announced Thursday.

The Tokyo-based firm said its recent drilling in the continental shelf off Okha, Sakhalin, resulted in production of about three million cubic meters of natural gas.

The drilling, which began in July, is a followup to a similar exploration conducted last year and is part of a Russo-Japan joint exploration project, Japanese officials said. The Agreement on the project was reached in 1972.

Break opium ring

RANGOON, Burma (UPI) — The government said Thursday its troops killed 96 opium trafficking insurgents and captured 52 others in two states

bordering China and Thailand during the past three months.

An official statement said troops had 39 encounters and 19 skirmishes with insurgents in the legendary Golden Triangle opium growing region.

Troops seized 135 weapons, 5 grenades, one wireless set, a large quantity of raw opium and nearly 300 pounds of opium powder. 25 gallons of liquid opium and 56 donkeys used as transport were also retrieved.

Three of the government soldiers were killed, the statement said.

Study tidal waves

MOSCOW (UPI) — A Soviet-American team of scientists has begun a joint study of tidal waves formed by earthquakes in the Pacific Ocean, Tass news agency reported Thursday.

Tass said the team, headed by Soviet specialist Sergei Lappo, is conducting tests on the Soviet research ship Valerian Urvaev east of the Japanese island Honshu.

The investigation of tidal waves formed by earthquakes — known by the Japanese name Tsunami — is being conducted under an agreement on cooperation in environmental protection, Tass said. An earlier joint investigation was conducted in 1975, Tass said.

History uncovered

ATHENS, Greece (UPI) — Greek archeologists have unearthed a series of early Bronze Age graves including two 4,500-year-old horse burial grounds, the ministry of culture said Thursday.

The new find was at Dendra near ancient Mycenae, the Bronze Age capital of Greece, a ministry spokesman said.

FBI has game plan: Bingo!

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — A feature story on the operator of a bingo parlor set up as a charity operation with proceeds going to a non-profit education reform group led to the arrest of a fugitive from a federal prison, the FBI said Thursday.

FBI agents said they became suspicious of Bruce Erickson when the story and his picture was printed last Sept. 11 in the Springfield News. It wasn't until Wednesday night that the FBI and Springfield police arrested Erickson, who had once been on the FBI's most-wanted list for eight years.

Erickson, whose real name is Benjamin Paddock, 51, was taken into custody by eight agents and officers after one agent posing as an upset customer tricked Paddock into leaving the parlor. The 6-foot-4, 240-pound fugitive, who earned the nickname "Chrome Dome" because of his habit of shaving his balding head, was "armed only with a pocket knife" when taken into custody.

Paddock, a native of Sheboygan, Wis., who reportedly is divorced and with several children, was reported to have changed his appearance in recent years. He now has a tinted red mustache and goatee, thick glasses and is heavier than when younger.

In the newspaper story of nearly a year ago, Paddock, using the name

Erickson, described himself as a "corporate doctor" for non-profit corporations to get "their books together." He said had been a "respected Junction City businessman" in a small neighboring Lane County community.

The story concerned his efforts in opening The Bingo Centre in July 1977 under new legislations permitting such activities as long as they were for non-profit organizations. He said the proceeds would go to a women's organization called the Center for Education Reform.

A spokeswoman for the organization in Eugene when asked about Paddock said, "We really are not ready to discuss anything with the press yet."

Picks Kirbo to aid GSA investigation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atlanta lawyer Charles Kirbo, President Carter's close friend and frequent adviser, will monitor the government's investigations of the scandal-ridden General Services Administration, the White House says.

"The president has asked Mr. Kirbo to help monitor and observe the GSA investigations," Deputy White House Press Secretary Rex Granum said Thursday night. "He will be advising the president on it, indicating the importance the president places on the matter."

Kirbo has come to Washington regularly to advise the president on a number of serious problems.

"He (Carter) just asked me to look at it and advise him on it," Kirbo said this morning in Atlanta. He refused further comment.

Grand juries in Washington and Baltimore are investigating charges of kickbacks and overcharging in the GSA, which manages federal buildings and acts as the government's purchasing agent. Vincent Alto, a special GSA investigator, has said that the multi-million dollar scandal may be the biggest in the history of the United States.

Granum said Kirbo will be talking to both GSA Administrator Jay Solomon and Attorney General Griffin Bell.

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Seeks Re-election

(Kenosha) — Kenosha County Sheriff Gerald Sonquist has announced he will seek reelection. He was elected to a two-year term in the fall election of 1976. His term expires Dec. 31, 1978.

"In announcing my candidacy," he said, "I seek a commitment from the citizens of Kenosha County for them to be part of the law enforcement team of the county."

"It's not enough to voice our concern over a law enforcement problem by pointing out a single answer or a simple, convenient solution. It just doesn't work that way. We get the type and quality of law enforcement we demand, and my standards are high. If we want good law enforcement, we must insist on it and become part of the system. People are the system. And you are the people," Sonquist said.

"I believe that my record of the past term is one to be proud of," he continued. "All citizens of Kenosha County have been given equal consideration in the development of the sheriff's department, with no special favors to anyone."

"Progress and success of any organization are a measure of its leadership," Sonquist said. "Look at the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department. I am proud to have been your sheriff and more pleased to have had such an effective team providing you service."

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